the last three years under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPS Act) is as under:

| Year | No. |
|---|---|
| 2002 | 172 |
| 2003 | 188 |
| 2004 | 176 |

(b) Data regarding conviction of foreigners under NDPS Act is not maintained separately.

(c) The conviction under the NDPS Act is not low as may be seen from the following details of persons, (including foreigners) arrested and convicted under NDPS Act during the last 3 years:—

| Year | Arrested | Convicted |
|---|---|---|
| 2002 | 28,470 | 13,421 |
| 2003 | 31,150 | 14,505 |
| 2004 | 31,486 | 14,289 |

**Loss/thefts of stamp papers in transit through railways**

3047. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the aggregate of the reported cases of loss/ theft of the stamp papers in transit through railways during 1995-2000 were over Rs. 25 crore;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the loss of stamps in transit during the years 1993-2003 for Assam is worth Rs. 146.66 crores; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and what actions were taken and against whom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) As per information provided by the Ministry of Finance, the aggregate of reported cases of loss/theft of stamps during 1995-2000 is Rs. 25.09 crores.

(b) No, Sir. As per information provided by the Ministry of Finance, the cases of loss/theft reported from various consignees of the State Government of Assam during 1993-2003 amount to Rs. 8.29 crores.

(c) In accordance with Rule No. 48, 49 and 50 of the "Rules for Supply & Distribution of Stamps", supplies are made to the States on the basis of FOR Naishik Road. Once goods are dispatched from India Security Press, it becomes the property of the department or Government, which would be entitled to their proceeds on sale and, therefore, the responsibility lies with the concerned department or Government. Accordingly, action lies on the part of consignee.

**Additional CRPF personnel to A.P. For naxal menace**

3048. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government had requested to provide additional CRPF personnel to tackle the naxal menace;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the details of Central forces deployed so far in Andhra Pradesh to tackle the naxalites?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) (a) and (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested for re-deployment of one CRPF Bn. One battalion has since been redeployed in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) At present, 4 battalions of CRPF are deployed in Andhra Pradesh to tackle the naxalite problem.

**ID Cards to fishermen**

3049. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fishermen ID cards have been issued on coastal area, especially on the coastal belt of Gujarat as proof of their identify;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether these cards are also being issued to anti-national and Pakistani nationals by the issuing agency namely Smart Chip Limited at exorbitant prices; and